

THE CHOCOLATE-TIP: *CLOSTERA CURTULA* L. IN SCOTLAND. — Seven specimens of this moth, all males, were captured in a Robinson light trap near Dinnet, Aberdeenshire, on 19 June 1979. This is, to my knowledge, only the second record for Scotland (the first was from near Loch Ness by B. Skinner). The locality is a birch-aspen wood within the Muir of Dinnet National Nature Reserve, one of the richest known insect localities in north east Scotland with 373 recorded species of Lepidoptera. The Dinnet *C. curtula* are not noticeably different in any way from English specimens.

In the same immediate area, the only recent County record of the Beautiful Brocade, *Lacanobia contigua* (Denis & Schiff) was captured in July 1978 - a single worn male in a Rothamsted trap. — PETER MARREN, 3 Ewen Place, Banchory, Kincardineshire.

EURRHYPARA PERLUCIDALIS HBN. (LEP.: PYRALIDAE) IN ESSEX. — Since it would appear that all the recorded colonies of *perlucidalis* occur in fens or marshes, it may be of interest to give some details of what appears to be a regular colony here; although the site would be less than 50ft. above sea level, it is certainly not marsh land and is surrounded by ordinary arable farm land. The total since 1966, when it was first noted, are as follows: — 1966 (1); 1967 (0); 1968 (0); 1969 (1); 1970 (0); 1971 (3); 1972 (11); 1973 (33); 1974 (57); 1975 (18); 1976 (53); 1977 (5); 1978 (9); 1979 (9). — A. J. DEWICK, Curry Farm, Bradwell-on-Sea, Southminster, Essex.

THE CAMBERWELL BEAUTY (*NYMPHALIS ANTIOPA* L.) IN OXFORDSHIRE. — A specimen of this unmistakable species was observed feeding from decaying material on my late father's compost heap at Chipping Norton, Oxon, during the afternoon of 18th August, 1977. What appeared to be the same specimen, was again observed the following morning in the same vicinity. I have only recently found time to organise my records for the past several years — hence the delay in the publication of this record. — P. D. J. HUGO, 32 Kingsfield, Ringwood, Hants.

THE WARM SPRING OF 1980, AND ITS EFFECTS AS REFLECTED IN EARLY EMERGENCE OF SPRING MOTHS. — The spring of 1980 was unusual in two respects in South East England. There was a certain amount of migration from the continent but also a number of extremely early emergences of species that are seldom seen before May and June. These began with a specimen of *Selenia lunularia* Hubn., which was disturbed from vegetation in the early morning of March 1st, in my garden at Eastbourne. Apart from the exceptionally early date (flight period June/July) this species has only been recorded once in recent years (*Ent. Rec. J. Var.* 91: 10).

Two other early emergences recorded from Eastbourne were of *Pheosia gnoma* Fabr., on the 16th April, and an early *Opistograptis luteolata* Linn., on the 12th April.

These records may seem strange upon their own, but I have had numerous communications from Mr. M. Parsons